

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 SANTO 02131 130314Z

42

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-02

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 IO-10

AID-05 PC-01 OMB-01 TRSE-00 /072 W

----- 108056

R 122240Z MAY 75

FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3684

C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTO DOMINGO 2131

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, DR

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S MOVES TO STRENGTHEN HIS POSITION

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 2106

1. PRESIDENT MAY 12 NAMED ARMY BRIGADIER GENERAL JUAN RENE BEAUCHAMPS JAVIER AS SECRETARY OF STATE OF ARMED FORCES AND BRIGADIER GENERAL BRAULIO ALVAREZ SANCHEZ AS ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF. APPOINTMENT OF THESE TWO BALAGUER LOYALISTS ROUNDS OUT COMMAND STRUCTURE IN AFTERMATH OF RESIGNATION FOUR TOP MILITARY LEADERS.

2. DURING THE PERIOD SINCE THE RESIGNATIONS, THE PRESIDENT HAS MOVED SERENELY AND CONFIDENTLY, ALTERNATING BETWEEN ATTENTION TO HIS NORMAL DUTIES AND APPOINTING NEW COMMANDERS. BEHIND THE SCENES, HOWEVER, HE TOOK A NUMBER OF PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO ASSURE HIS CONTROL OF THE SITUATION. AMONG THE MORE IMPORT WERE:

A. IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIVING RESIGNATIONS MAY 9, PRESIDENT CALLED IN GENERAL NIVAR AND REQUESTED THAT NATIONAL POLICE BE PUT ON ALERT.

B. ORDERED GENERAL NIVAR TO CHECK ON LOYALTY OF VARIOUS BATTALION LEVEL COMMANDERS.

C. HAD FIRING PINS REMOVED FROM ARTILLERY PIECES IN SANTO DOMINGO.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 SANTO 02131 130314Z

D. PERSONALLY ORDERED GEN. CUERVO GOMEZ, CMDR. OF VERY

KEY COMBAT SUPPORT COMMAND, TO ACCEPT ORDERS ONLY FROM HIMSELF.
E. ISSUED ORDERS MAY 10 CONFINING TROOPS TO BARRACKS.
F. DISPATCHED A THREE MAN PARTIDO REFORMISTA (PR)
DELEGATION TO SOLICIT SUPPORT OF PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO SOCIAL
CRISTIANO (PRSC) AND PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DOMINICANO (PRD).
(PRSC SUBSEQUENTLY ISSUED STATEMENT FAVORING CONSTITUTIONALITY
BUT PRD REFUSED TO BACK BALAGUER UNLESS HE CHANGED HIS POLICIES.)
G. WORKING THROUGH GENERAL SANTOS MELIDO MARTE PICHARDO,
PRESIDENT OBTAINED DOCUMENT SIGNED BY ALL SENIOR OFFICERS,
SUPPORTING RECENT MEASURES HE HAD TAKEN. DOCUMENT PUBLISHED
MAY 12 AS PAID AD IN ALL SANTO DOMINGO NEWSPAPERS.

2. COMMENT. THESE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AND DOUBTLESSLY
OTHERS OF WHICH EMBASSY UNAWARE, DEMONSTRATE THAT PRESIDENT
TOOK A NUMBER OF SMALL, CAREFUL, BEHIND-THE-SCENES STEPS
TO ASSURE THAT HE WOULD EMERGE VICTORIOUS FROM THE
CONFRONTATION.

HURWITCH

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY PERSONNEL, PERSONNEL RESIGNATIONS, PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, POLITICAL SITUATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 MAY 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975SANTO02131
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750167-0683
From: SANTO DOMINGO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750560/aaaaccwg.tel
Line Count: 79
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 SANTO DOMINGO 2106
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 08 SEP 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <08 SEP 2003 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <13 NOV 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRESIDENT'S MOVES TO STRENGTHEN HIS POSITION
TAGS: PINT, PGOV, DR, (BALAGUER, JOAQUIN), (BEAUCHAMPS JAVIER, JUAN RENE), (ALVAREZ SANCHEZ, BRAULIO)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006